

by the police, we shall certainly punish without mercy both the commanding officers and their subordinates.' In a subsequent decree published on the same day the Emperor states that he notices that similar laxity and corruption prevail in the provinces, which is largely explained by the fact that the criminal ranks are recruited from discharged soldiers, who are generally in league with yamen runners and other official underlings. It does not appear that the Emperor of China, at any rate, is subject to the disability that is said

to handicap sovereigns generally, the difficulty of finding out the truth about their possessions. Great crimes are committed, for example, by the Emperor's victim of a robbery is punished for reporting it, while the robber, no doubt, goes free. The Viceroys and Governors are to change all this, and the generals are to see that the Emperor and sovereign are sent safely back to their homes; that the Emperor is not to be taken into the criminal ranks. That the Emperor is determined to reduce expenses we also learn incidentally. Several of the high officials who have been moved lately to other posts are to be sent to the provinces with their bodyguards with them, on various pleas, expecting, no doubt, to receive a formal permission at once; in every case the permission has been preemptorily re-

The Decrees which we have now commented on are all published within one day, and they are interwoven with the fullest provisions for the Emperor's part for the relief of the sufferers by floods in various parts of the empire; which we mention as showing that the imperial energies are not being confined to the promulgation of administrative reforms. The Emperor has decrees that the officials will attain their aim; that the officials, from the viceroys down, that the imperial eye is on them, and that Peking knows and marks when they are neglecting their duties; and in the capital at large it is recognised that they are not *merum brutum fulmen*, for we are told that all the gambling and opium dens were closed the day after the condemnation of the Emperor was published. It is a great thing for the country, and it is also generally known that the Emperor is not

cerning himself with the removal of abuses, and it is well that no attempt is made to conceal the abuses he denounces. There is much to be done before those abuses are removed, but the knowledge of the Emperor's activity will be an encouragement to the conscientious officials throughout the empire, and a warning to those who are neglecting their duties.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

Quotations.	
HONGKONG, January 14.	
CEYLON.—New Patna, cash..	517½/520
" Old " cash,	502½
" New Benarass, cash,	515½/517½
" Old " cash, —	—
" New Malwa, cash...	520/530
" Allowance, Teels...	16/40
" Old Malwa, cash...	540
" Allowance, Teels...	16/48
" Persian, Oily, cash	520/530
" Allowance, Teels...	32/48
" Persian, Paper tied	530/540
" Allowance, Teels...	16/48
Exchange.	

Hongkong, January 14.
 On London—
 Bank, Wire, 3/14
 " On demand, 3/12
 " 30 days' sight, 3/14
 " 4 months' sight, 3/22
 Credits, 4 " 3/24
 Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/28
 n Paris—
 On demand, 3/37
 Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 4/05
 On Berlin—
 On demand, 3/19
 On New York—
 On demand, 7/7
 Credits, 60 days' sight, ... 7 1/2

Wire,	220
On demand,	181
On Calcutta,	
Wire,	120
On demand,	121
On Shanghai,	
On demand,	712
33 days sight, private,	73
Gold Leaf, 100 fine,	\$35.20
Sovereigns,	\$6.23

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Palmer & Co.'s Premises)

Queen's Road.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.60
Do.	1 P.M.	30.00
Do.	4 P.M.	29.98
Thermometer—	9 A.M.	82
Do.	1 P.M.	80
Do.	4 P.M.	84

Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	58
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	60
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	62
Do.	Maximum	64
Do.	Minimum over night	59

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

January 13.—at 4 P.M.

Bar.	30.0	Wind	11
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	Barometric pressure at sea level and 28" - Fath.	Temperature	Humidity	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Rain during Previous 24
Wl'ostock.	30.39	3	—	—	0	05	—
Tokio.....	30.16	—	—	N	4	—	—
Nagasaki.	30.37	—	—	N	3	—	—
Shanghai.	30.42	26	37	ENE	4	—	—

Amoy	30.23	55	30	WZ	4	o	—
Hongkong	30.09	58	81	WZ	4	o	—
Haiphong	30.06	70	73	E	3	o	—
Philosola	29.86	82	76	NW	2	b	—
Manila	29.86	1	87	—	1	op	0.10
Anping	30.01	72	—	NW	2	c	—
January 14 — AT 10 A.M.							
Wl'ostook	30.37	0	68	N	3	o	—
Tokio	30.43	0	68	N	3	o	—
Nagasaki	30.29	—	—	WZ	2	—	—
Shanghai	30.26	42	92	W	1	op	—
Amoy	30.20	60	87	W	3	o	0.12
Hongkong	30.16	60	87	W	3	o	—
Haiphong	30.13	66	81	ENE	2	b	—
Dolma	29.91	71	71	SE	2	b	—
Manila	29.92	81	84	W	1	c	—

The b-rometer has fallen and gradient for N.E. winds have decreased. Overcast cold and rather wet weather prevails.

W. DOBIEUX,
Director of the Observatory,
Hongkong Observatory, January 14, 1890.

1. BAROMETR, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, was at the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the bulk of air saturated with its moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Faint's scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, as New sky, a few detached clouds, a drizzling rain, a fog, a gloom, thick, a light rain, a overcast, a passing shower, a squall, a R. F. snow, a clear, a R. F. visibility, a few fogs.

RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

**SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN,
PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM**

WATERS.

Vessel's Name.	Flag & Reg.	Destination.
Amoy	Ger.	str. Hongkong
Szechow	Brit.	str. do.
Taiwang	Brit.	str. do.
Yuensang	Brit.	str. do.

AMOY.

In port on January 8, 1890.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Diamonds	British
MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.	
Anglo Indian	Brit. bga.
Archos	Brit. bga.
Cygnel	Brit. bga.
Elise	Ger. bg.
Johanna Kremer	Ger. sch.
Sebastian Bach	Ger. bga.

Wanchow, 10th Dec. 1890.

FOOCHOW.
In port on January 4, 1890.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Hae-shin	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Tungchow	British	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Cope City	Brit. bgs.	
Orient	Ger. bgs.	

SHANGHAI.
In port on January 6, 1890.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Amoy	German	
Bayern	German	
Bonlioli	British	
Cess	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Fuiling	British	
Feima	British	
Fuh Wo	British	
Fuyew	Chinese	
Fuyehang	Chinese	

Haa-an	Chinese
Hoihow	British
Hsin-cheng	British
Kaisow	British
Kiang-foc	Chinese
Kiang-kwan	Chinese
Kiang-piau	Chinese

Kuling	British
Kung-wo	British
Lee Yuen	Chinese
Oriental	British
Pechili	British
Poochi	Chinese
Saghalien	French
Shanghai	British
Sungkiang	British
Taku	British
Tamsui	British
Telamon	British
Tsushima	British
Yuehsang	British

EMBARKING SAILING VESSELS.

Earl Grenville	British
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Gerard O. Perry	Amer.	sh.
Imperial	Amer.	sh.
Loongwha	Brit.	bqg.
Rewa	Brit.	bqg.
T. F. Oakes	Amer.	sh.
Willie Read	Amer.	sh.

NAGASAKI.
 In Port on January 1, 1890.

Hedvig	Brit.	bqg.
Kozaki Maru	Japan.	bqg.

YOKOHAMA.
 In port on December 27, 1889.

Abbie S. Hart	Brit.	sh.
Aretie	Pr. 3m.	sh.
Arizona	Brit.	bqg.
Benjin San	Swed.	sch.

James Barnes	Amer.	sch.
Diana	Amer.	sch.
Enos Soule	Amer.	bqa.
Esmeralda	Brit.	sch.
Flora P. Stafford	Brit.	sch.
John McLeod	Brit.	sch.
Nemo	Brit.	sch.
Paul Revere	Amer.	sch.
Theodor	Ger.	sch.

HIOGO.

In port on December 23, 1899

Bello of Oregon	Amer.	bqe.
East Croft	Brit.	sh.
Guy O. Goas	Amer.	bqe.
L. Schorpp	Amer.	sh.
Solitaire	Amer.	sh.
St. Nicholas	Amer.	sh.
St. Frances	Am.	sh.
Tam o' Shanter	Amer.	sh.

MANILA.

In Port on December 15, 1839.

Glenafloch	Brit.	str.	L'don & L'pool
Isla de Pansy	Span.	str.	L'pool n. Spain
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.			
Abyssinia	Brit.	bgo.	Boston
Alex. Yeats	Brit.	sh.	New York
GeneralDomville	Brit.	sh.	Boston
Granite State	Amer.	sh.	discharging
Mindoro	Amer.	sh.	New York
Minister of Marine	Brit.	sh.	New York
Sachem	Amer.	sh.	Boston
ILOILO.			
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.			
Sylvan	Brit.	bgo.	Manila
CEBU.			
MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.			

RANOKOR.
In port on December 28, 1889.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
Cape Clear Siamese
Rainbow Siamese
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.
AndreeRickers Ger. sh.
Aron Norw. bge.
A. Eora Siam. bge.
Christian Norw. bge.
Crown of Scotland Brit. sh.
Fochow Siam. bg.
Goliah Siam. sch.
Mary Stewart Brit. bge.
Siam Siam. bge.
Soutage Amer. bge.
WillemusCornelis Dutch sh.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alabout	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. Farenego	Nagasaki
Amante Barroso	Brazilian cruiser	6200	—	—	Capt. Conrado José de Mello	Nagasaki
Argosy	Spanish cruiser	1903	—	—	Captain A. Euler	On a cruise
Aspie	French gunboat	470	4	460	Commander Maloplet	Hai-phong
Bobra	Russian cruiser	1100	—	—	Captain Menschouff	Nagasaki
Chaleur	French despatch-vessel	—	—	—	Captain Bagard	Manila
Comandante	German gunboat	480	—	—	Captain Richter	Hongkong
Karaboynik	Russian cruiser	1200	—	—	Captain Wulf	Singapore
Lutin	French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Nelly	Touron
Marino	U. S. corvette	1900	7	1170	Commander Dyer	Nagasaki
Menacey	U. S. corvette	1870	5	1470	Lieut.-Com. Reisinger	Yokohama
Minotaur	Russian gunboat	425	—	—	Commander McArthur	Oree
Naryednik	Russian cruiser	1350	9	250	Captain Zarnie	Nagasaki
Omaha	U. S. corvette	2400	12	1180	Capt. McNafr	Yokohama
Palis	U. S. gunboat	422	3	600	Lieut.-Com. Craig	Nagasaki
Plavie	French gunboat	640	—	620	Lieut.-Commander Forrest	On a cruise
Prinzess Maria	Portuguese gunboat	540	—	—	Lieut.-Com. Santa Barbara	Manila
Soudro	French transport	—	—	—	Captain Baul	Hai-phong
Stroten	Russian cruiser	900	1	1000	Commander Sudrieff	Oree
Tatara	Russian gunboat	455	7	60	Commander Reyle	Japan
Tatara	corvette	—	—	—	Commander John McGowan	Nagasaki
Tecumseh	Portuguese gunboat	500	3	100	Lieut.-Com. C. R. Cambaza	Manila
Vestaik	French frigate	5680	12	4250	Captain Aubrey de la Not	Hai-phong
Villars	Russian corvette	1350	—	—	Captain Lang	Nagasaki
Villars	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Mayet	Yokohama
Viper	French gunboat	480	4	425	Commander Gondot	On a cruise
Viper	corvette	—	—	—	—	—